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Senate Bill _____
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House No. HJR0122
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Sterling Marlin on his 1995
Daytona 500 victory.

WHEREAS, stock car racing and Tennessee have a special relationship, full of historic accomplishments, present triumphs, and bright prospects for the future; and

WHEREAS, for the second year in a row, an outstanding Tennessean, Sterling Marlin, has captured NASCAR's most coveted prize; and

WHEREAS, with a crowd of more than 150,000 and a national television audience of over 10 million, Sterling Marlin defended his Daytona 500 crown; becoming only the third driver in history to have consecutive victories in the "Super Bowl of stock car racing"; and

WHEREAS, quickly establishing his golden Kodak Chevrolet as the class of the field, Sterling led laps 3-29, 104-161 and 181-200, for a total of 105 of the 200-lap chase around the 2.5 mile Daytona International Speedway; and

WHEREAS, Sterling was intimidated by no one, as he kept competitors at bay despite intense competition from Dale Earnhardt to win the race by .61 seconds; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this native Tennessean should have his first and second victories in stock car racing's premier event, the Daytona 500; and

WHEREAS, following in the footsteps of his legendary father, Coo Coo, Sterling began his racing career at an early age, competing at the Nashville Raceway; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, Sterling has been a presence on the NASCAR circuit, participating in over three hundred races; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this Assembly celebrates Sterling's most recent Daytona 500 victory with him, his wife Paula, and the entire Morgan-McClure racing team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize NASCAR driver and beloved Tennessean Sterling Marlin, congratulate him on another outstanding Daytona 500 victory, and wish him much continued success on the Winston Cup circuit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.